

GETTING PUBLISHED

Getting published is hard. It's something that writers have to work at; many have years of rejections before they get published.

Persevere! If you want to be a writer you have to keep writing and learning as much as you can to improve your craft.

Here are some resources to read and things you can do to improve your chances.

READ THESE POSTS ABOUT GETTING PUBLISHED

<https://www.allenandunwin.com/being-a-writer/getting-published>

<https://writingnsw.org.au/support/resources-for-writers/resource-sheets/getting-published/>

<https://www.publishers.asn.au/resources/getting-published>

<https://www.hachette.com.au/getting-published/>

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

1. Look in libraries and bookshops to identify who is publishing the kind of books/stories you write.
2. Go to the publisher's website and check out their submission guidelines.
3. Always follow submission guidelines.
4. Join your local writer's centre for tips on writing, publishing and publishing opportunities (You can find them by Googling).
5. Join a writer's group where you can get constructive feedback from other writers
6. Attend conferences where you can learn about the craft of writing and get your work professionally assessed. Google 'Writers Conferences' or 'Writers Festivals' for your state or country.
7. Enter writer's competitions
8. Revise, revise and revise your work before you submit it.

9. Do writing courses through TAFES, state writer's centres and the Australian Writer's Centre and industry groups that specialise in your kind of writing.
10. Read lots of other books in the genre you are writing, and learn from how other authors create their books. If you want to be a good writer, you have to read a lot.

EXTRA TIPS

1. Don't drop into publisher's offices or ring them, they won't call you back. All you will do is annoy them. They get thousands and thousands of submissions every year so they don't have time to respond to phone calls or visits.
2. Submit your work to publishers only when they are open to submissions - and follow their guidelines.
3. Be respectful of publishers. They are people too and they are VERY busy.
4. Persevere. Thousands and thousands of other people are trying to get published too. Just because one publisher says, 'No', doesn't mean your work won't be published.
5. Be open to constructive feedback and use it to make your manuscript better.

GOOD LUCK!

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